

## WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS OF NEWS

### New Postoffice.

The town of Westmoreland will have a postoffice after April 1. Mrs. Bertha Miller has been appointed postmaster. The name of the office will be Eareel.

### T. Bias Captured.

Thomas Bias wanted by the police at Huntington was arrested at Ashland and given over to the Huntington authorities.

Last January, Bias as the leader of a number of Huntington desperados, had some trouble with a farmer who lives a few miles above Guyandotte, W. Va., the trouble occurred over stealing the farmer's chickens, and resulted in one of the Bias gang getting killed. All except Bias are now doing time in the penitentiary.

### Henry Harrison Dead.

Mr. Henry Harrison of Matewan, died suddenly in Kenova and his remains were taken to Tazewell, Va. for interment. The deceased had lived at Matewan for a number of years.

### License Refused By Supreme Court.

Charleston, W. Va., March 25.—A resolution of the present state legislature ordering that three citizens of the state be admitted to practice law in all courts without taking the prescribed law course or state examinations is declared null and void by the supreme court of appeals in one of several decisions handed down.

In refusing license for practicing law, to Boyd Adkins, of Wayne county, M. R. Meserve, of Ritchie county, and M. W. Hefner of Braxton county, the supreme court of appeals says: "The legislature can not by passing of a joint resolution requiring the court to grant licenses to certain individuals to practice law avoid the requirements of a general statute and rules of the court and promulgated pursuant thereto, regarding the granting of such licenses and prescribing the length of study and degree of preparation required of the applicant in order to entitle him thereto."

### Gas Tract In Mingo.

Control of the stock of the Alleen Oil & Gas company was sold to S. J. Hyman, Abe Hyman, W. J. Rodgers and associate, the consideration having been in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Among the principal stockholders of the Alleen company, which has 5,500 acres of gas territory in Mingo county, were J. L. Caldwell, S. Floyd Hoard, Thomas H. Bronson, R. P. Alestrie, Thomas H. Harvey, J. J. Freese, C. W. Freeman, J. H. LeBlanc, Paul Hardy, Frank Bockway, Mrs. Cora Toney, E. V. Townsend, C. B. VanBibber and others.

The new officers of the Alleen company are S. J. Hyman, president, L. L. McClure, secretary, and the directors include, besides them, Abe Hyman and W. J. Rodgers.

It is said that the new owners of the control of the Alleen company plan extensive developments.

The holdings of the Alleen company are said to be among the richest gas tracts in Southern West Virginia. There are now five producing wells on the tract.—Huntington Advertiser.

### Federal Jurors.

The following Wayne county citizens have been drawn as federal jurors for the term of court that convenes at Huntington April 1: Grand Jurors—Jesse Fry, Radnor; Tilden Watts, Fort Gay, and F. W. Thompson, Sidney.

Pettit Jury—Clarence Booth, Wayne; Solon Borton, Lavalette; T. B. Crabtree, Fort Gay; C. F. Harris, Crum; Alvin Lakin, Prichard; Henry Maynard and Harrison F. Maynard, Stillner and W. A. Ramsdell, Ceredo.

Alex Varney Dead.

Alex Varney, aged about 75, died at his home on the Road fork of Pond creek. He had been ill only a few days and it is thought that his death was caused by blood poisoning. Mr. Varney was one of the best known and wealthiest citizens of Pike county. He owned a number of fine farms, timber and coal lands and was interested in a number of enterprises. He is survived

by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Monroe Geomlin. The funeral was held last Friday.

## INEZ ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hale and son Lewis, of Kermit, spent Sunday in Inez.

Messrs. L. Dempsey and A. Pearson were business visitors in Kermit Tuesday.

Mr. W. R. McCoy made a business trip to Louisa last week.

Virgil Maynard, who has been attending school at Louisa, has returned home. He has not fully recovered from the effects of the flu.

Rainy White is able to be out after being confined to the house by sickness.

Mr. Ross Bannister and son, Wendell, are here on a short visit.

Wallace Hale of Kermit is visiting his cousin Richard Hale.

Mr. E. B. Kirk of Kermit visited his mother last week.

Lloyd Kirk went to Louisa last week to visit his father, Mr. E. W. Kirk.

Charles McCoy is assisting Dr. Speer on his farm this week.

A party of young folks had a merry time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Cassidy on Saturday night.

The post office was moved this week from the Richmond building to the room adjoining the bank that it formerly occupied for many years.

Jack and Della Richmond are visiting at Kermit.

## WAYNE ITEMS

A. J. Rife and daughter, Miss Germa, attended commencement exercises at Buffalo school Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Newman and daughter, Helen, returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Ceredo and Huntington.

Atty. J. M. Rigg was in Huntington on business last week.

Mrs. Boyd Wellman visited Huntington relatives last week.

Misses Mary Farley and Elizabeth Odell of Kenova spent Sunday with Wayne relatives.

The third number of the Court Lyceum Lecture Course, "The Hawaiian Musical," was given Monday night in the Court and was largely attended.

The following joined the Baptist church and were baptized by Rev. J. C. Simpkins Sunday: Misses Nell Porter, Helen Newman, Dorothy Rife, Irene Smith, Hays Cyrus, Garnet Lambert, Blanche Wellman, Chester Rife, Otis Workman, Jefferson Rife, Chester Smith, Albert Newman and Harry Sellards Grimes.

C. M. Plymale was calling on Wayne merchants the first of the week.

Miss Shirley Burgess of Ardel, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Fisher Scaggs left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Ceredo.

Mrs. E. J. Wilcox has returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Williamsburg.

Miss Daisy Arthur of East Lynn is visiting Miss Nell Taylor.

Atty. Fisher Scaggs and Charley Ferguson were in Kenova on business Tuesday.

Tim Perry was a business visitor in Huntington Tuesday.

Miss Cassie Bowen returned last week from a visit to Huntington.

Earl Mosser was a Huntington visitor Saturday.

Clyde Scaggs was a Ceredo visitor Sunday.

E. J. Wilcox made a business trip to Huntington last week.

Floyd Harrison was in Wayne Sunday.

## CATLETTSBURG

### Hall-Burris.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hall, of Burnaugh. The contracting parties were Miss Ada Hall and Mr. Allen Burris. Rev. A. M. Samuels officiated. The bride is a bright and accomplished young woman. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burris of Prichard, W. Va., and a splendid young man.

Hand Bag Stolen.

Mr. O. Carter, of Louisa, was a visitor here in Huntington Friday and while at the C. & O. station here his fine hand bag was stolen by a strange negro, who was afterward seen with it. The negro made his getaway.

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fetter.

Mrs. C. M. Preston, of Ashland, has been at the Gibson in Cincinnati the past two weeks the guest of Mrs. S. P. Fetter. Mrs. Meek, mother of Mrs. Fetter, and Cadet Major John C. Mayo joined them there today. Mrs. Fetter, we are glad to learn, is improving nicely.

Mr. Field III.

Mr. and Mrs. William Deal were called to Willard by the serious illness of their father, Mr. Columbus Field. Mr. Field is the father of Congressman W. J. Field, who is now on his way to France.

Prisoners Escape.

Four prisoners who were confined in the city jail here succeeded in making their escape by sawing their way through the bars of one of the cells in the lower part of the jail. The escape was not discovered until court was opened Saturday morning and the prisoners were ordered to be brought forth for trial.

Makes Supreme Sacrifice.

A telegram received by the parents of young Henry Ross, who resides near Rush, this county, conveyed the sad intelligence that he had died of pneumonia in Europe. Young Ross was with the army of occupation and located some place on the river Rhine. The news of young Ross' death will cause profound sorrow. He was a very fine young man.

A. Biggs.

Alfred Biggs, former graduate of Pikeville College and later of Marysville College, was a caller on friends here, while enroute to Pikeville where he has been called to assume the presidency of Pikeville College during the absence of Dr. J. F. Record who is

going north for a few months on business connected with the school. Prof. Biggs has been in business in Chicago for some time past.

### Smallpox in County Jail.

Some prisoners were brought here from the Pike county jail, among whom was Vester Kirk and placed in jail here to await the federal grand jury. Kirk has broken out with smallpox, hence the jail also Jailer Becker and family have been placed under quarantine.

### Mrs. Josephine Rice.

At the Eastern Star banquet, a charming visitor at the chapter was Mrs. Josephine Rice, of Louisa, who made a stirring address which was most interesting.

### Local and Personal.

T. G. Parker, prominent merchant of Pikeville, was the guest of friends here between trains while enroute to Cincinnati.

Mrs. Nelle Keyser Switzer, who has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Keyser, has returned to her home in Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vaughan and family have moved into the home vacated by Mr. L. G. Chatfield and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Conley, they having moved to Huntington.

Mrs. Harry Hatcher's friends will regret to know that after being convalescent from her recent illness, she is again reported very ill and suffering intensely. She is at her home in Ashland.

Mr. Harry Kilgore, expert stenographer, has opened an office in Ashland, where his services can be secured at any time. Mr. Kilgore has been the official court stenographer for years and knows the business.

County Agent Lawrence Amburgey has come up Sandy for a few days business stay.

In the case of Edgar Phipps vs. the O. V. E. Railway a judgment of \$250 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

Mrs. W. W. Marcum was the guest of relatives here while returning from a visit to Louisa to her home in Huntington.

Garnet Lucile Davenport, young daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Davenport, of Ashland, is convalescent after typhoid fever, and now getting about the house.

F. H. Yates, oil magnate of Louisa, was here Saturday.

## PIKEVILLE

### Miss Auxier Elected Delegate.

Miss Mary Auxier, who was in Louisville a few days ago attending the Equal Rights Association, was elected a delegate to the National convention which meets in St. Louis.

### Editor III.

Mr. W. L. Morris, managing editor of the Pike County News, has been suffering with typhoid fever the past few days. His friends hope for his early recovery.

### Special Services.

At the Presbyterian church special evangelistic meetings began last Sunday and are to continue two weeks. Some prayer meetings will be conducted and the membership organized for service. All members and friends are asked to attend.

### Bible Institute.

The annual meeting of the institute of the Baptist church began Sunday morning to continue four days. Prominent speakers are here for the meeting.

### Bobby Thornburg Improving.

Bobby Thornburg, who is undergoing treatment in a Louisville hospital, is reported as getting along nicely. His many friends here hope to see him home soon.

### Called to John's Creek.

Dr. A. T. Ratliff was called to John's Creek Monday to set the jaw bone of John Deskins, 14 years old son of Sterling Deskins. The bone was dislocated Saturday when the boy was kicked by a mule, which produced a complete compound fracture of the lower jaw bone.

### Kelsey Taylor Coming Home.

W. B. Taylor received a cablegram from General Pershing, stating that his son, Kelsey T. Taylor, who has been stationed at Neufchateau, France, for the past several months, has been released and is now on the ocean sailing for the United States and will be home soon. Kelsey is one of the most highly respected boys and his friends will be rejoiced to hear this news.

Two Weddings, Grooms Are Brothers.

Two weddings that will be of interest to their many friends were that of Dewey Compton and Toney Compton, brothers, who live in Allegheny, and their mother, Mrs. Brit Compton. Dewey was married to Miss Lucy Owens, daughter of Bart Owens, and Toney was married to Miss Hazel Wood, of Emma.

### May Locate Here.

Dr. Homer Nichol, of Morehead, was here a few days. Dr. Nichol holds a commission as Lieutenant in the medical department of the army and only recently returned from France. He may locate in Pikeville to practice his profession.

### Visited Relatives.

Myers Coats, of Richmond, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Ratliff and family Wednesday. He left for London, Ky. Mr. Coats recently returned from France. He is a son of Prof. T. J. Coats, president of Eastern Kentucky Normal School.

### Pikeville to Have New Hotel.

Rumor has it that Pikeville will have a hundred thousand dollar hotel on the corner just above the court house. It is said that Mr. James Hatcher, one of Pike county's wealthiest citizens, will soon begin the erection of a hotel on this site of which Pikeville will be proud.

### Local and Personal.

Miss Bess Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, has been visiting Miss Fannie Clark.

Miss Eula Riddle has returned to Pond Creek after a few weeks' visit here.

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Miss Elva Bevins has returned from a visit of several weeks to Miss Lillian Fannin in Charleston.

Mrs. Linton Trivette is visiting her brother, J. D. Francis in Huntington. Mrs. Nancy Pauley has returned to her home on Big creek after spending the winter with her son.

Miss Armina Perry was shopping in Ashland a few days.

Mrs. M. C. Reynolds has returned from Frankfort where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Jas. A. Scott.

Lieut. Fred Neikirk and Mrs. Neikirk arrived Friday to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Neikirk, of Second Street.

Work will begin April 1st on the wholesale hardware building which is to be erected by the Foster-Thornburg Hardware Co., of Huntington, W. Va.

J. D. Caudill, who has been very sick, is now out attending to business again.

Mrs. Vicy Bevins has moved from her property here to her farm. J. H. Cornett will occupy the residence vacated by her.

Judge W. W. Reynolds was a recent business visitor in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bales have as their guest their daughter, Mrs. Edw. Holly, of Ashland.

Miss Nell Bevins has returned from Cincinnati.

## PRESTONSBURG

### Champion Hen.

Attorney W. W. Williams, breeder of S. C. B. I. Reds, scientific gardener, candidate for matrimony, et cetera, has a hen that will put Prestonsburg on the map in spite of herself. This wonderful pullet "Lady Belle Gray" has just laid her one hundredth egg in as many successive days and has not announced yet when she will stop.

### Weddings.

Elmer L. Harris, of Pittsburg, Pa., while employed at Columbus, O., met one of his old classmates, Miss Carrie Hall, they renewed their old acquaintance, fell in love and joined hands in matrimony on the 28th day of February. He is now with his company while his wife is with her parents at Columbus, Ohio. Elmer is a hustler and has a good education which he received at the deaf and dumb school at Danville, Ky.

Married at the home of Mrs. Exer Harris Saturday morning her daughter Miss Myrtle to Mr. Russ Hurd. The bride and groom left Sunday night for Pikeville, Ky., where they will spend a few days or perhaps weeks and from there they will probably leave for Oklahoma, where Mr. Hurd came from a short time ago.

### Wayland.

Mr. A. M. Campbell, director of Employment for Elk Horn Coal Corporation, left Saturday to spend a few days with his family at Louisa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Riffe have moved to Estill, Ky., where they expect to remain a few weeks and then return to their old home at Louisa. Mr. Riffe has been manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Co., at this place a number of years and is liked by all who know him, especially the telephone patrons on account of his vigilance in maintaining service under all conditions.

### Local and Personal.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Combs, Saturday, March 15, a fine son.

Miss Cynthia Stephens, of Water Gap, left last Thursday for the Keller hospital at Ironton, Ohio, where she expected to undergo an operation. She was accompanied by two of her brothers and Dr. O. T. Stephens of this city. The revival at the Presbyterian church closed on Sunday night after a very successful meeting, in which several were saved and united with the church.

Capt. E. E. Archer, just home from overseas duty, is guest this week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Archer. The Captain is looking fine and happy to be home again.

Miss Anna Fitzpatrick and sister, Mrs. G. C. Conley went to Ironton the latter part of last week where Miss Anna is taking special treatment for her throat.

## PAINTSVILLE

### Sells Property.

Ed Vanhose has sold his store and residence in the east end of Paintsville to Patrick Borders, of Cyrus, Magoffin county. Mr. Borders will move his stock of goods to Paintsville in April and will move his family into the residence adjoining.

### Water Works.

This is a good time to talk water works for Paintsville. We believe a system of water works would pay here. Enough property was lost in the fire last week to put in a system of water works, it has been estimated.

### Reception Postponed.

The reception to the Johnson county soldier boys which was to have taken place on the 5th of April, has been postponed until the Fourth of July, at which time it is hoped that all the boys will be back. Arrangements will be made to make it a big day.

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### Good Man Dead.

George McCloud died at his home last Thursday night of heart failure. He worked all day Thursday and his death was a surprise to his family and friends. In his death the county has lost one of its best citizens.

### Revival Meeting.

A revival meeting is now on at the Methodist Episcopal church. The pastor and people are anticipating a good meeting. A special invitation is extended to the other churches of the town.

### In Cincinnati.

Attorney M. C. Kirk and Editor C. A. Kirk are in Cincinnati where C. A. Kirk is taking the Thirty-second degree in Masonry. Attorney B. E. Combs of Prestonsburg, and L. L. Stone, of Pikeville, are also taking the work.

### New Secretary.

Attorney M. O. Wheeler has been made Secretary of the Red Cross for Johnson county and in the future will look after the business of the organization. Mr. Wheeler was publisher of The Paintsville Post which was destroyed by fire last week. He will make a good secretary.

### Picklesimer-Preston.

A wedding that will come as a surprise to many was the marriage to Miss Geneva Preston which occurred last Saturday in this city. After the marriage they left for Pikeville to spend a few days with friends and relatives. The bride is a daughter of Rev. Warren Preston and is one of the most popular young ladies in this section.

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